

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 have been cancelled to obviate the rejections.

Claims 13-18 have been added to clarify the claimed invention. The new claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings. For example Fig. 1, Fig. 2 shows the first embodiment, Fig. 5 shows the second embodiment, and Fig. 7 shows the third embodiment. Additionally the term spreading out is supported by the specification for example, the table TI is spread out to the tables TII and TIII in Fig. 2.

Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9, and 11-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Allen et al. (5,680,113). In the Allen reference an address allocation apparatus electrically couples a first and second electronic device and assigns a unique address to the first and second electronic device. Successive pairs of the devices are coupled with identical cables having the same offset cross-connected wiring between the terminating plugs and which establish a unique address to the device in the chain of connected devices.

Allen et al. fails to teach the distinguishing features of applicant's claim 13, for example spreading out at an initial time the first table to a second table and a third table and downloading the second and third tables.


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In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider

this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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